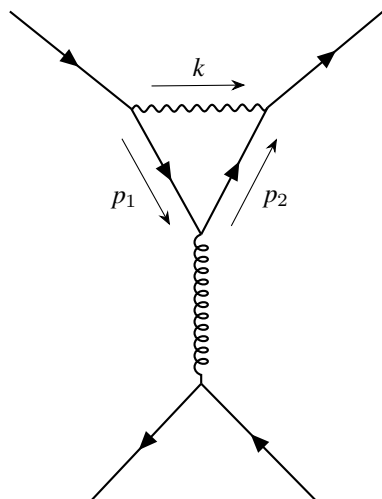# {TikZ-Feynman}

Feynman diagrams with Ti*k*Z

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```
\feynmandiagram [large, vertical=e to f] {
  a -- [fermion] b -- [photon, momentum=\(k\)] c -- [fermion] d,
  b -- [fermion, momentum'=\(p_{1}\)] e -- [fermion, momentum'=\(p_{2}\)] c,
  e -- [gluon]  f,
  h -- [fermion] f -- [fermion] i;
};
```

Contents

1 Introduction

TikZ is a fantastic and very powerful drawing package and TikZ-Feynman builds upon this to provide an easy way to produce Feynman diagrams.

I must thank Jake for providing this answer on tex.se which initially inspired me to write this package.

If you have any suggestions or have found any bugs, please feel free to create a new issue or pull request on the Github page: `https://github.com/JP-Ellis/tikz-feynman`.

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1.1 Installation

This package is *not* currently offered on CTAN as it is just a personal project of mine; however, if enough people find it useful, I will look into making it available through CTAN.

To install this package, download the latest version from `https://github.com/JP-Ellis/tikz-feynman/releases` and place it in your `texmf` tree. On Linux, you can find where the location of your user `texmf` tree with `kpsewhich -var-value=TEXMFHOME` which is by default set to `~/texmf`. For Windows and OS X users, there should be something analogous. The `texmf` directory expects a specific directory structure, so you will need to extract the TikZ-Feynman files into `<TEXMF>/tex/latex/tikz-feynman`.

In v3.0.0 and v3.0.1 of TikZ, there is a bug in the Lua component of the graphdrawing library which prevents it from handling coordinate nodes properly. As a result, the automatic placement of nodes does not work unless the following patch is applied. This bug does not affect other parts of this package, so you can still use it for the pre-defined styles if you wish.

```
--- a/tex/generic/pgf/graphdrawing/lua/pgf/gd/interface/InterfaceToDisplay.lua
+++ b/tex/generic/pgf/graphdrawing/lua/pgf/gd/interface/InterfaceToDisplay.lua
@@ -263,6 +263,13 @@ end

 function InterfaceToDisplay.createVertex(name, shape, path, height, binding_infos, anchors)

+  -- The path should never be empty, so we create a trivial path if the provided
+  -- path is empty.  This occurs with the `coordinate` shape for example.
+  if #path == 0 then
+    path:appendMoveto(0, 0)
+    path:appendClosepath()
+  end
+
   -- Setup
   local scope = InterfaceCore.topScope()
   local binding = InterfaceCore.binding
```

2 TUTORIAL

2.1 LOADING THE PACKAGE

After installing the package and applying the patch (if needed), the TikZ-Feynman package can be loaded with
`\usepackage{tikz-feynman}` in the preamble.

2.2 A FIRST DIAGRAM

Feynman diagrams can be declared with the `\feynmandiagram` command. It is analogous to the `\tikz` command
from TikZ and requires a final semi-colon (;) to finish the environment. For example, a simple *s*-channel diagram
is:
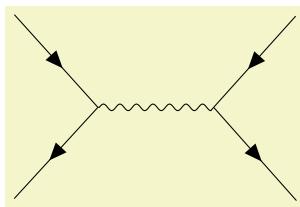
```
\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to b] {
  i1 -- [fermion] a -- [fermion] i2,
  a -- [photon] b,
  f1 -- [fermion] b -- [fermion] f2,
};
```

Let's go through this example line by line:

LINE 1 `\feynmandiagram` introduces the Feynman diagram and allows for optional arguments to be given in the
brackets `[⟨options⟩]`. In this instance, `horizontal=a to b` orients the algorithm outputs such that the line
through vertices a and b is horizontal.

LINE 2 The left fermion line is drawn by declaring three vertices (i1, a and i2) and connecting them with edges `--`.
Just like the `\feynmandiagram` command above, each edge also take optional arguments specified in brackets
`[⟨options⟩]`. In this instance, we want these edges to have arrows to indicate that they are fermion lines, so
we add the `fermion` style to them.

As you will see later on, optional arguments can also be given to the vertices in exactly the same way.

LINE 3 This edge connects vertices a and b with an edge styled as a photon. Since there is already a vertex labelled a,
the algorithm will connect it to a new vertex labeled b.

LINE 4 This line is analogous to line 2 and introduces two new vertices, f1 and f2. It re-uses the previously labelled
b vertex.

LINE 5 Finish the declaration of the Feynman diagram. The final semi-colon (;) is important.

The name given to each vertex in the graph does not matter. So in this example, i1, i2 denote the initial particles;
f1, f2 denotes the final particles; and a, b are the end points of the propagator. The only important aspect is that
what we called a in line 2 is also a in line 3 so that the underlying algorithm treats them as the same vertex.

The order in which vertices are declared does not matter as the default algorithm re-arranges everything[*]. For
example, one might prefer to draw the fermion lines all at once, as with the following example (note also that the
way we named vertices is completely different):

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[*]It is possible for the algorithm to get a litte confused in some circumstances, but these cases should be rather rare. For some algorithms
(such as the `layered layout`), the order in which vertices are introduces *does* matter. This is documented in section 3.2.2.
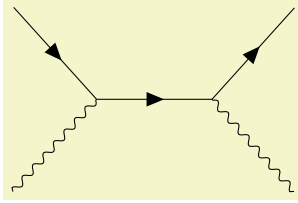
```
\feynmandiagram [horizontal=f2 to f3] {
  f1 -- [fermion] f2 -- [fermion] f3 -- [fermion] f4,
  f2 -- [photon] p1,
  f3 -- [photon] p2,
};
```

2.3 ADDING STYLES

So far, the examples have only used the `photon` and `fermion` styles. The Ti*k*Z-Feynman package comes with quite a few extra styles for edges and vertices which are all documented over in section 3. As an example, it is possible to add momentum arrows with `momentum=⟨text⟩`, and in the case of end vertices, the particle can be labelled with `particle=⟨text⟩`. As an example, we take the generic *s*-channel diagram from section 2.2 and make it a $e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-$ diagram:
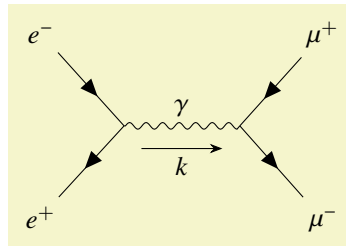
```
\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to b] {
  i1 [particle=\(e^{-}\)] -- [fermion] a -- [fermion] i2 [particle=\(e^{+}\)],
  a -- [photon, edge label=\(\gamma\), momentum'=\(k\)] b,
  f1 [particle=\(\mu^{+}\)] -- [fermion] b -- [fermion] f2 [particle=\(\mu^{-}\)],
};
```

In addition to the style keys documented below, style keys from Ti*k*Z can be used as well:
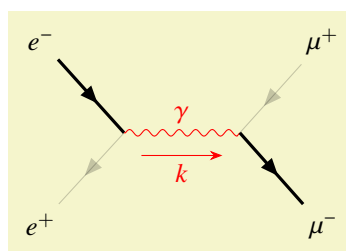
```
\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to b] {
  i1 [particle=\(e^{-}\)] -- [fermion, very thick] a -- [fermion, opacity=0.2] i2 [particle=\(e^{+}\)],
  a -- [red, photon, edge label=\(\gamma\), momentum'={[arrow style=red]\(k\)}] b,
  f1 [particle=\(\mu^{+}\)] -- [fermion, opacity=0.2] b -- [fermion, very thick] f2 [particle=\(\mu^{-}\)],
};
```

For a list of all the various styles that Ti*k*Z provides, have a look at the Ti*k*Z manual; it is extremely thorough and provides many usage examples.

2.4 When the Algorithm Isn't Enough

By default, the `\feynmandiagram` and `\diagram` commands use the `spring layout` algorithm to place all the edges[*]. The `spring layout` algorithm attempts to 'spread out' the diagram as much as possible which—for most simpler diagrams—gives a satisfactory result; however in some cases, this does not produce the best diagram and this section will look at alternatives. There are three main alternatives:

ADD INVISIBLE EDGES While still using the default algorithm, it is possible to force certain vertices to be closer together by adding extra edges and making them invisible through `draw=none`. The algorithm will treat these extra edges in the same way, but they are simply not drawn at the end;

USE A DIFFERENT ALGORITHM In some circumstances, other algorithms may be better suited. Some of the other graph layout algorithms are listed in section 3.2.2, and an exhaustive list of all algorithms and their parameters is given in the TikZ manual;

MANUAL PLACEMENT As a last resort, very complicated or unusual diagrams will require each vertex to be manually placed.
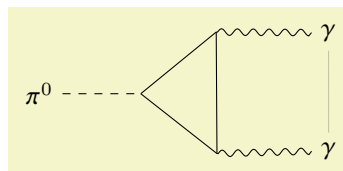
2.4.1 Invisible Edges

The underlying algorithm treats all edges in exactly the same way when calculating where to place all the vertices, and the actual drawing of the diagram (after the placements have been calculated) is done separately. Consequently, it is possible to add edges to the algorithm, but prevent them from being drawn by adding `draw=none` to the edge style.

This is particularly useful if you want to ensure that the initial or final states remain closer together than they would have otherwise as illustrated in the following example (note that `opacity=0.2` is used instead of `draw=none` to illustrate where exactly the edge is located).
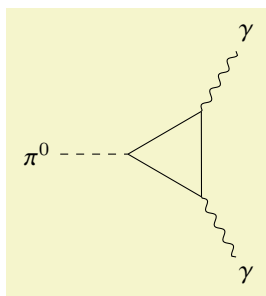

```
% No invisible to keep the two photons together
\feynmandiagram [small, horizontal=a to t1] {
  a [particle=\(\pi^{0}\)] -- [scalar] t1 -- t2 -- t3 -- t1,
  t2 -- [photon] p1 [particle=\(\gamma\)],
  t3 -- [photon] p2 [particle=\(\gamma\)],
};
```



```
% Invisible edge ensures photons are parallel
\feynmandiagram [small, horizontal=a to t1] {
  a [particle=\(\pi^{0}\)] -- [scalar] t1 -- t2 -- t3 -- t1,
  t2 -- [photon] p1 [particle=\(\gamma\)],
  t3 -- [photon] p2 [particle=\(\gamma\)],
  p1 -- [opacity=0.2] p2,
};
```

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[*]For more details on this layout and any other graph layouts available, see section 3.2.2

2.4.2 Alternative Algorithms

The graph drawing library from Ti*k*Z has several different algorithms to position the vertices[*] By default, \diagram and \feynmandiagram use the `spring layout` algorithm to place the vertices. The `spring layout` attempts to spread everything out as much as possible which, in most cases, gives a nice diagram; however, there are certain cases where this does not work. A good example where the `spring layout` doesn't work are decays where we have the decaying particle on the left and all the daughter particles on the right.
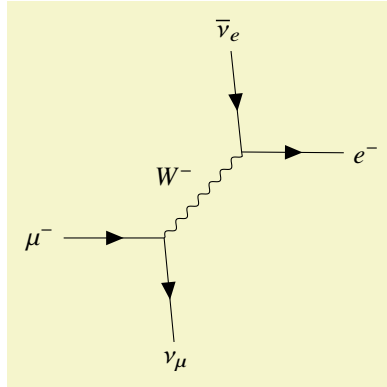

```
% Using the default spring layout
\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to b] {
  a [particle=\(\mu^{-}\)] -- [fermion] b -- [fermion] f1 [particle=\(\nu_{\mu}\)],
  b -- [boson, edge label=\(W^{-}\)] c,
  f2 [particle=\(\overline \nu_{e}\)] -- [fermion] c -- [fermion] f3 [particle=\(e^{-}\)],
};
```
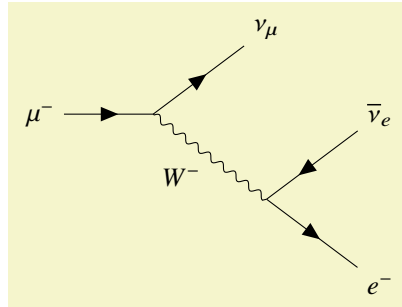


```
% Using the layered layout
\feynmandiagram [layered layout, horizontal=a to b] {
  a [particle=\(\mu^{-}\)] -- [fermion] b -- [fermion] f1 [particle=\(\nu_{\mu}\)],
  b -- [boson, edge label'=\(W^{-}\)] c,
  c -- [anti fermion] f2 [particle=\(\overline \nu_{e}\)],
  c -- [fermion] f3 [particle=\(e^{-}\)],
};
```

You may notice that in addition to adding the `layered layout` style to \feynmandiagram, we also changed the order in which we specify the vertices. This is because the `layered layout` algorithm does pay attention to the order in which vertices are declared (unlike the default `spring layout`); as a result, `c--f2, c--f3` has a different meaning to `f2--c--f3`. In the former case, `f2` and `f3` are both on the layer below `c` as desired; whilst the latter case places `f2` on the layer above `c` (that, the same layer as where the W^- originates).

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[*]See section 3.2.2 for some alternative algorithms.

2.4.3 Manual Placement

In more complicated diagrams, it is quite likely that none of the algorithms work, no matter how many invisible edges are added. In such cases, the vertices have to be placed manually. Ti*k*Z-Feynman allows for vertices to be manually placed by using the \vertex command.

The \vertex command is available only within the feynman environment (which itself is only available inside a tikzpicture). The feynman environment loads all the relevant styles from Ti*k*Z-Feynman and declares additional Ti*k*Z-Feynman-specific commands such as \vertex and \diagram. This is inspired from PGFPlots and its use of the axis environment.

The \vertex command is very much analogous to the \node command from Ti*k*Z, with the notable exception that the vertex contents are optional; that is, you need not have {⟨*text*⟩} at the end. In the case where {} is specified, the vertex automatically is given the particle style, and otherwise it is a usual (zero-sized) vertex.

To specify where the vertices go, it is possible to give explicit coordinates though it is probably easiest to use the positioning library from Ti*k*Z which allows vertices to be placed relative to existing vertices[*]. By using relative placements, it is possible to easily tweak one part of the graph and everything will adjust accordingly—the alternative being to manually adjust the coordinates of every affected vertex.

Finally, once all the vertices have been specified, the \diagram* command is used to specify all the edges. This works in much the same way as \diagram (and also \feynmandiagram), except that it uses an very basic algorithm to place new nodes and allows existing (named) nodes to be included. In order to refer to an existing node, the node must be given in parentheses.

This whole process of specifying the nodes and then drawing the edges between them is shown below for the muon decay:
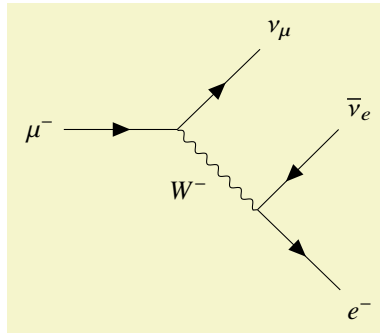

```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \begin{feynman}
    \vertex (a) {\(\mu^{-}\)};
    \vertex [right=of a] (b);
    \vertex [above right=of b] (f1) {\(\nu_{\mu}\)};
    \vertex [below right=of b] (c);
    \vertex [above right=of c] (f2) {\(\overline \nu_{e}\)};
    \vertex [below right=of c] (f3) {\(e^{-}\)};

    \diagram* {
      (a) -- [fermion] (b) -- [fermion] (f1),
      (b) -- [boson, edge label'=\(W^{-}\)] (c),
      (c) -- [anti fermion] (f2),
      (c) -- [fermion] (f3),
    };
  \end{feynman}
\end{tikzpicture}
```

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[*] The Ti*k*Z manual has some extensive documentation explaining how to use the positioning library.

3 Documentation

3.1 Commands & Environments

`\tikzfeynmanset{⟨options⟩}`

This command will process ⟨*options*⟩ using `\pgfkeys` with the default path set to `/tikzfeynman`. Typically, ⟨*options*⟩ will be a comma-separated list of the form ⟨*key*⟩=⟨*value*⟩, though the full power of the mechanism behind `\pgfkeys` can be used (see the TikZ manual for a complete description).

Typically, this is used in the preamble of the document to add or change certain keys for the whole document.

`\feynmandiagram[⟨TikZ options⟩][⟨diagram options⟩]{⟨diagram instructions⟩}`

This commands creates a `{tikzpicture}` and `{feynman}` environment, and places a `\diagram` inside with the provided ⟨*diagram instruction*⟩. Please refer to the documentation for `\diagram` for the ⟨*diagram instruction*⟩ syntax.

The optional arguments specified in ⟨*tikz options*⟩ are passed on to the `{tikzpicture}`, and the ⟨*diagram options*⟩ are passed on to `\diagram`. If only one optional argument is given, then the optional arguments are given to both. A single optional argument will usually suffice as most keys are recognized by both commands; however, in the event that a key is not recognized, both options are provided.

`\begin{feynman}[⟨options⟩]`
  ⟨*environment contents*⟩
`\end{feynman}`

The `{feynman}` environment is where all the drawing of Feynman diagrams takes place. It makes all the TikZ-Feynman styles available and defines commands such as `\vertex` and `\diagram` which are otherwise unavailable outside of this environment. The `{feynman}` environment is only accessible within the `{tikzpicture}` environment.

Options which are passed in ⟨*options*⟩ apply for the whole environment in the same way that the `{scope}` environment work in TikZ.

`\vertex[⟨options⟩] (⟨name⟩) at (⟨coordinate⟩) {⟨contents⟩};`

Defines a new vertex with the provided ⟨*name*⟩. If ⟨*contents*⟩ is not provided, the resulting vertex will have zero size. On the other hand, if ⟨*contents*⟩ is provided, the `particle=`⟨*contents*⟩ style is applied. Additional styles can be applied to the vertex through ⟨*options*⟩.

The final semicolon (;) is vital for this command since without it, the LaTeX engine will not know when the `\vertex` command ends. Additionally, this command *cannot* be chained like one can do with the inbuilt TikZ commands.

This command is only available with the `{feynman}` environment.

`\diagram[⟨options⟩]{⟨diagram instructions⟩}`

Begins a new diagram using the `spring layout`. Keys passed through ⟨*options*⟩ can include general TikZ keys, graph-specific keys and any applicable TikZ-Feynman keys too. Other algorithms (such as `tree layout`) can be passed through ⟨*options*⟩ and that will override the `spring layout`.

The syntax for the ⟨*diagram instructions*⟩ is thoroughly described in the TikZ manual, but in the context of this package, it will usually suffice to know the following:

- Vertices within the graph are specified with no delimiters (i.e. no parenthesis, no brackets) and only require spaces around either side. In order to refer to a vertex defined outside of the `\diagram` command, its name must be given in parenthesis: (⟨*name*⟩). Note that in order to refer to external

vertices, one must use \diagram* as most algorithms (including the default spring layout) are incompatible with vertices defined outside of the algorithm.

When a vertex name is used multiple times, the underlying algorithm will consider them to be the same vertex and introduces additional edges.

Options can be given to the vertex in brackets after the name: ⟨*name*⟩ [⟨*options*⟩]. For vertices defined outside of the \diagram command, these options should be specified when the vertex is first declared.

- The edges between each pair of vertices is specified with --, and these can be chained together: a -- b -- c. In order to pass a style to the edge, it is specified in brackets after the dashed: --[⟨*options*⟩]. For example, to make on edge red, one would use --[red].

- A comma (,)—or equivalently a semicolon (;)—specifies the end of a sequence of edges and vertices and allows for another sequence to be started. So a -- b, c -- d will create two disconnected edges.

- Subgroups (aking to scopes in Ti*k*Z) are specified with braces: {[⟨*options*⟩]⟨*diagram instructions*⟩}. This can be quite useful when a lot of edges or nodes share a common style. For example, one could use {[edges={fermion}] a -- b -- c, x -- y -- z} and every edge will have the fermion style applied automatically.

  Another useful feature of subgroups is that an edge to a group will create an edge to each vertex in that subgroup as shown below. The example also shows how they can be nested which in some cases (such as with a layered layout) can be extremely useful.
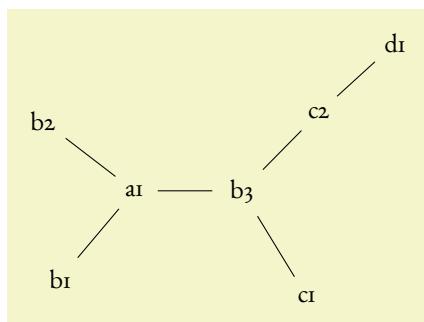

```
\feynmandiagram [nodes=circle, horizontal=a1 to b3] {
  a1 -- {b1, b2, b3 -- {c1, c2 -- d1}}
};
```

\diagram*[⟨*options*⟩]{⟨*diagram instructions*⟩}

Same as \diagram, but instead of using the spring layout algorithm to place the vertices, this uses the most basic algorithm. This basic algorithm in most cases will not produce a satisfactory diagram, but is intended to be used with vertices are declared and positioned outside of the \diagram* command. Essentially, \diagram* should be used only to connect existing vertices.

3.2 Keys & Styles

The various styles and options that allow the Feynman diagrams to be customized are defined in what Ti*k*Z calls *keys*. The documentation includes all keys which are defined within Ti*k*Z-Feynman which all begin with the prefix /tikzfeynman. In addition, a few of the keys from Ti*k*Z itself which are particularly useful to Ti*k*Z-Feynman are documented and these are prefixed with /tikz or /graph drawing. Please refer to the Ti*k*Z manual for a more in thorough documentation of the Ti*k*Z keys.

If you wish to modify the default Ti*k*Z-Feynman styles, the best way to do this is to use ⟨*key*⟩/.append style={...}. For example, to make every diagram red except for small diagrams which remain black, one would add to the

preamble:

```
\tikzfeynmanset{
  every diagram/.append style={red},
  small/.append style={black},
}
```

If you are completely unhappy with a particular inbuilt style, you can define your own style with with ⟨*key*⟩/`.style`={...} as shown in the following example:

```
\tikzfeynmanset{
  myblob/.style={
    shape=circle,
    draw=blue,
    fill=red}
}
```

All the every ⟨*key*⟩ keys documented here are initially empty, so it is up to you whether you use ⟨*key*⟩/`.append style` or ⟨*key*⟩/`.style`. The predefined style keys (such as `small`, `particle`, `fermion`, etc.) should *never* by modified with ⟨*key*⟩/`.style` as that will overwrite the style entirely. Instead, modify the appropriate every ⟨*key*⟩ if available or use ⟨*key*⟩/`.append style`.

All the keys defined here are made available inside the {`feynman`} environment and inside \`feynmandiagram`; but if you wish to access them outside of this (say, in a regular {`tikzpicture`} environment), you will need to specify the full path with the leading /`tikzfeynman`.

3.2.1 FEYNMAN KEYS

/tikzfeynman/execute at begin feynman={⟨*T_EX code*⟩}   (no default)
/tikzfeynman/execute at end feynman={⟨*T_EX code*⟩}   (no default)

   Allows for custom code to be executed at the start or end of each {`feynman`} environment.

/tikzfeynman/every feynman   (style, no value)

   Set of styles which are applied to every {`feynman`} environments (and consequently, every apply inside all \`feynmandiagram` too). The style also applies to regular Ti*k*Z commands used inside the {`feynman`} environment.

This is not red

This is red

```
\tikzfeynmanset{every feynman/.append style={red}}
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \node at (0, 0.5) {This is not red};
  \begin{feynman}
    \node at (0, -0.5) {This is red};
  \end{feynman}
\end{tikzpicture}
```

/tikzfeynman/inline=⟨*node*⟩   (style, no default)

   A style used to display a Feynman diagram inline (typically in an equation), and aligning such that its vertical placement is at the node specified. The node specification must enclosed in parentheses. For nodes which contain text (such as when the `particle` style is applied), it is possible to use the baseline of the text inside the node to line up with the baseline of the equation by using (⟨*node*⟩`.base`) as demonstrated in the following

example. Note that this key applies additional styles to make the diagram fit in an equation more nicely; if you do not wish to have these additional styles, use the `baseline` key.
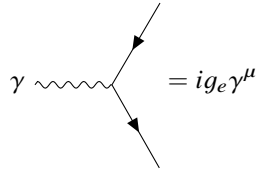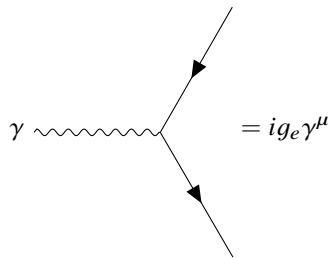


```
\begin{equation}
  \feynmandiagram [inline=(d.base), horizontal=d to b] {
    a -- [fermion] b -- [fermion] c,
    b -- [boson] d [particle=\(\gamma\)],
  };
  = i g_{e} \gamma^{\mu}
\end{equation}
```

`/tikz/baseline=`⟨*node*⟩   (no default)

Changes the vertical alignment of the Feynman diagram such that it diagram's baseline is at the node specified. This works in the same was as `inline=`⟨*node*⟩, but it does not apply any additional styles (notice how the following example is larger than the one above).


```
\begin{equation}
  \feynmandiagram [baseline=(d.base), horizontal=d to b] {
    a -- [fermion] b -- [fermion] c,
    b -- [boson] d [particle=\(\gamma\)],
  };
  = i g_{e} \gamma^{\mu}
\end{equation}
```

`/graph drawing/horizontal=`⟨*node*⟩ to ⟨*node*⟩   (no default)
`/graph drawing/horizontal'=`⟨*node*⟩ to ⟨*node*⟩   (no default)
`/graph drawing/vertical=`⟨*node*⟩ to ⟨*node*⟩   (no default)
`/graph drawing/vertical'=`⟨*node*⟩ to ⟨*node*⟩   (no default)

The underlying algorithm will arrange all the nodes relative to each other, but beyond that it has no idea how the overall graph should be oriented. By using one of the above keys, the final output of the algorithm is oriented and/or mirrored such that the two nodes specified are on the same horizontal (or vertical) line. The two nodes need not actually be connected by an edge for this to work.

The two ⟨*node*⟩ specifications should *not* be enclosed in parentheses, unlike the `inline` and `baseline` keys.

The `horizontal'` and `vertical'` keys work in the same was as `horizontal` and `vertical`, but with a flip.
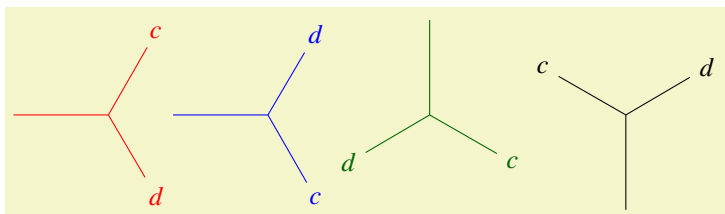
```
\feynmandiagram [inline=(b), horizontal=a to b, red] {
  a -- b -- {c [particle=\(c\)], d [particle=\(d\)]}
};
\feynmandiagram [inline=(b), horizontal'=a to b, blue] {
  a -- b -- {c [particle=\(c\)], d [particle=\(d\)]}
};
\feynmandiagram [inline=(b), vertical=a to b, green!40!black] {
  a -- b -- {c [particle=\(c\)], d [particle=\(d\)]}
};
\feynmandiagram [inline=(b), vertical=b to a, black] {
  a -- b -- {c [particle=\(c\)], d [particle=\(d\)]}
};
```

3.2.2 Diagram Keys

/tikzfeynman/every diagram   (style, no value)

Set of styles which are applied to every diagram; that is, to everything inside the \feynmandiagram, \diagram and \diagram* commands but not the general {feynman} environment (see section 3.2.1 for that).
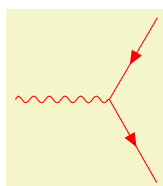

```
\tikzfeynmanset{every diagram/.append style={red}}
\feynmandiagram [small, horizontal=d to b] {
  a -- [fermion] b -- [fermion] c,
  b -- [boson] d,
};
```

/tikzfeynman/small   (no value)
/tikzfeynman/medium   (no value)
/tikzfeynman/large   (no value)

Changes the default separation between the vertices and changes the size of arrows, blobs, and other shapes to fit different context. The small size is best used with when the diagram is quite simple and doesn't have too many annotations (such as momentum arrows and particle labels). The medium size is the default and is usually large enough that even diagrams with many labels and momentum arrows do not become too cluttered. Finally the large key is best for large illustrations as used on the title page of this document.
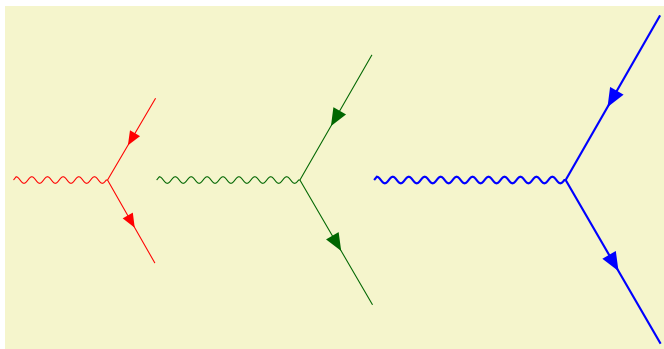
```
\feynmandiagram [baseline=(b), small, horizontal=d to b, red] {
  a -- [fermion] b -- [fermion] c,
  b -- [boson] d,
};
\feynmandiagram [baseline=(b), medium, horizontal=d to b, green!40!black] {
  a -- [fermion] b -- [fermion] c,
  b -- [boson] d,
};
\feynmandiagram [baseline=(b), large, horizontal=d to b, blue] {
  a -- [fermion] b -- [fermion] c,
  b -- [boson] d,
};
```

There are several algorithms which are available to place the vertices which are all provided within the `graph drawing` library from Ti*k*Z. Below are listed a few of these layouts which are more relevant for drawing Feynman diagrams. For a more complete description of how these algorithm work, please refer to the Ti*k*Z manual.

`/graph drawing/spring layout=⟨string⟩`   (no default)

Uses Hu's 2006 spring layout. This models each edge as springs and attempts to spread everything out as much as possible. This is the default layout.
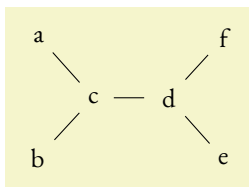

```
\feynmandiagram [nodes=circle, small, horizontal=c to d] {
  {a, b} -- c -- d -- {e, f},
};
```

`/graph drawing/spring electrical layout=⟨string⟩`   (no default)

Uses Hu's 2006 spring electrical layout. This models each edge as springs and gives each vertex a charge. This algorithm allows for the charge of a particular vertex to be adjusted using the `electric charge` key (the default is 1).
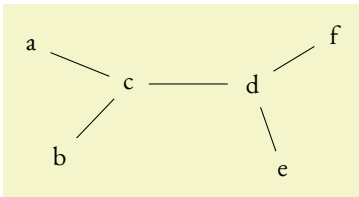

```
\feynmandiagram [nodes=circle,
    small, horizontal=c to d,
    spring electrical layout
  ] {
  {a, b [electric charge=2]} -- c -- d -- {e, f [electric charge=0.1]},
};
```

`/graph drawing/layered layout=⟨string⟩`   (no default)

Uses the Sugiyama layout algorithm in order to place the node.

When an edge is specified, the first vertex is always located on the layer above the second vertex. This creates a hierarchy of vertices which is particularly useful for decays.

Two vertices can be forced to be on the same layer with the `/graph drawing/same layer` key.
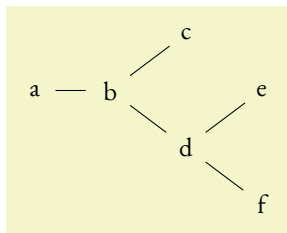
```
\feynmandiagram [nodes=circle, small, horizontal=a to b, layered layout] {
  a -- b -- {c, d -- {e, f}},
};
```
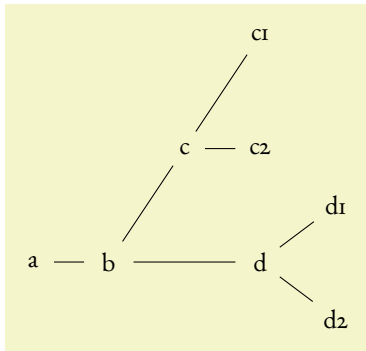


```
\feynmandiagram [nodes=circle, small, horizontal=a to b, layered layout] {
  a -- b -- {c -- {c1, c2}, d -- {d1, d2}},
  {[same layer] c1, d},
};
```

/graph drawing/tree layout=⟨*string*⟩   (no default)

Uses the Reingold–Tilform algorithm in order to place the node. This works in a similar way to the layered layout, but has quite a lot of additional options to handle missing children in the tree. Please refer to the TikZ manual for a thorough description of these additional features.

When an edge is specified, the first vertex is always located on the layer above the second vertex. This creates a hierarchy of vertices which is particularly useful for decays.
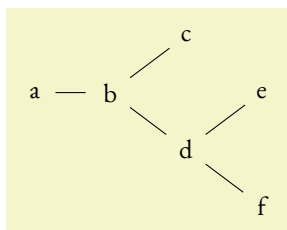

```
\feynmandiagram [nodes=circle, small, horizontal=a to b, tree layout] {
  a -- b -- {c, d -- {e, f}},
};
```
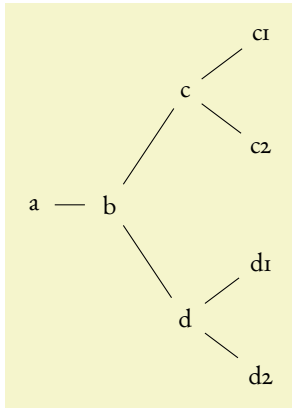
```
\feynmandiagram [nodes=circle, small, horizontal=a to b, tree layout] {
  a -- b -- {c -- {c1, c2}, d -- {d1, d2}},
};
```

/tikz/graphs/edges=⟨*options*⟩   (no default)
/tikz/graphs/nodes=⟨*options*⟩   (no default)

Just like it is possible to change the shape of every vertex or edge in the whole document, it is also possible to change the shape of every vertex or edge in a single diagram by modifying these keys and adding the desired styles.

3.2.3   VERTEX KEYS

/tikzfeynman/vertex   (no value)

The default, base style applied to every vertex initially. Other styles are subsequently added. This sets the vertex shape to be a coordinate, that is, a null shape with no size or width.

/tikzfeynman/dot   (no value)

Modifies the vertex so that it has a small filled circle.
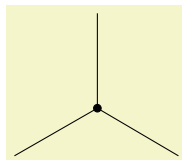

```
\feynmandiagram [small] {
  a -- b [dot] -- {c, d}
};
```

/tikzfeynman/square dot   (no value)

Modifies the vertex so that it has a small filled square.
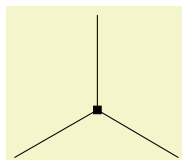

```
\feynmandiagram [small] {
  a -- b [square dot] -- {c, d}
};
```

/tikzfeynman/empty dot   (no value)

Modifies the vertex so that it has a small empty circle.
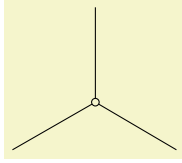
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```
\feynmandiagram [small] {
  a -- b [empty dot] -- {c, d}
};
```

(no value)

Modifies the vertex so that it has a small circle with a cross inside.
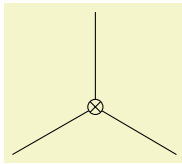
```
\feynmandiagram [small] {
  a -- b [crossed dot] -- {c, d}
};
```

(no value)

Modifies the vertex so that it is a large blob, usually used to denote an effective operator.
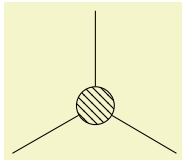
```
\feynmandiagram [small] {
  a -- b [blob] -- {c, d}
};
```

/tikzfeynman/particle=⟨*name*⟩ (no default)

Modifies the vertex so that it shows ⟨*name*⟩. This is intended to label initial and final particles, but it should not be used on internal vertices as it will result in the lines at the vertex having a gap. For propagators (the edge label key is much more appropriate).

Note that if ⟨*name*⟩ contains characters such as brackets ([]) or commas (,), the whole ⟨*name*⟩ has to be enclosed in braces ({}); otherwise, the parser will interpret the comma as the end of the ⟨*name*⟩ and the start of the next key, or the closing bracket as the end of all optional arguments.
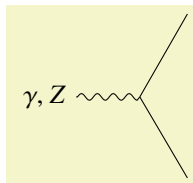
```
\feynmandiagram [small, horizontal=a to b] {
  a [particle={\(\gamma, Z\)}] -- [boson] b -- {c, d},
};
```

/tikzfeynman/every ⟨*vertex shape*⟩ (style, initially empty)

The style of specific vertices can be modified by changing the appropriate every ⟨*vertex shape*⟩ key. For example, in order to change the style of every dot-styled vertex, you can modify the every dot key, or to modify every vertex globally, the every vertex key can be modified.
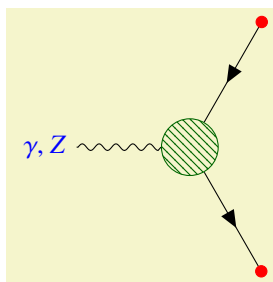
```
\tikzfeynmanset{
    every vertex/.style={red, dot},
    every particle/.style={blue},
    every blob/.style={draw=green!40!black, pattern color=green!40!black},
}
\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to b] {
    a [particle={\(\gamma, Z\)}] -- [boson] b [blob],
    c -- [fermion] b -- [fermion] d,
};
```

3.2.4   EDGE KEYS

Just like with the various vertex keys, each edge type has a corresponding every ⟨*edge type*⟩; however, due to the existence of very similar keys such as scalar, charged scalar and anti charged scalar, more specific keys inherit styles from less specific ones. For example, styles in every charged scalar will apply to charged scalar and anti charged scalar but not scalar whilst styles in every scalar will apply to all three.

/tikzfeynman/every edge   (style, initially empty)

A style to apply to every edge initially.

/tikzfeynman/boson   (no value)

Draws a sinusoidal line to denote a boson.
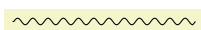
```
\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to b] {a -- [boson] b};
```

/tikzfeynman/photon   (no value)

Draws a sinusoidal line to denote a photon.
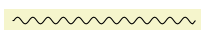
```
\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to b] {a -- [photon] b};
```

/tikzfeynman/scalar   (no value)

Draws a dashed line to denote a scalar.
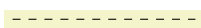
```
\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to b] {a -- [scalar] b};
```

/tikzfeynman/charged scalar   (no value)

Draws a dashed line with an arrow to denote a charged scalar.

```
\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to b] {a -- [charged scalar] b};
```

/tikzfeynman/anti charged scalar   (no value)

Draws a dashed line with an arrow pointing the other way to denote a charged scalar antiparticle.

```
\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to b] {a -- [anti charged scalar] b};
```

/tikzfeynman/ghost   (no value)

Draws a dotted line to denote a ghost.

······················   `\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to b] {a -- [ghost] b};`

/tikzfeynman/fermion   (no value)

Draws a solid line with an arrow to denote a fermion.

⟶   `\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to b] {a -- [fermion] b};`

/tikzfeynman/anti fermion   (no value)

Draws a solid line with an arrow pointing the other way to denote an antifermion.

⟵   `\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to b] {a -- [anti fermion] b};`

/tikzfeynman/gluon   (no value)

Draws a coiled line to denote a gluon.

ʘʘʘʘʘʘʘʘʘʘʘʘ   `\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to b] {a -- [gluon] b};`

/tikzfeynman/every ⟨edge style⟩   (style, initially empty)

The style of specific edges can be modified by changing the appropriate every ⟨*edge style*⟩ key. For example, in order to make a global change to every boson, you can modify the every boson key.
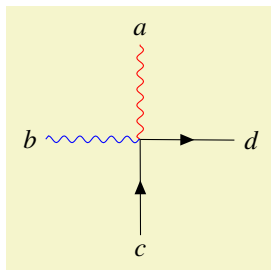

```
\tikzfeynmanset{
  every edge/.style={fermion},
  every boson/.style={red},
  every photon/.style={blue},
}
\feynmandiagram [small] {
  a [particle=\(a\)] -- [boson] o -- [photon] b [particle=\(b\)],
  f1 [particle=\(c\)] -- o -- f2 [particle=\(d\)],
};
```

/tikz/edge label=⟨*text*⟩   (no default)
/tikz/edge label'=⟨*text*⟩   (no default)

Places a label halfway along the edge with the given text. The primed key switches which side of the edge the label is placed.

3.2.5   Momentum Keys

/tikzfeynman/momentum=[⟨*options*⟩]⟨*text*⟩   (no default)
/tikzfeynman/momentum'=[⟨*options*⟩]⟨*text*⟩   (no default)
/tikzfeynman/reversed momentum=[⟨*options*⟩]⟨*text*⟩   (no default)
/tikzfeynman/reversed momentum'=[⟨*options*⟩]⟨*text*⟩   (no default)
/tikzfeynman/rmomentum=[⟨*options*⟩]⟨*text*⟩   (no default)

Places a momentum arrow on the specified edge with label given by ⟨*text*⟩. The primed (') version place the momentum arrow on the other side of the edge; that is, if the momentum arrow was on the right, it will be placed on the left of the edge. The `reversed momentum` and `reversed momentum'` keys are analogous to `momentum` and `momentum'` except that the momentum arrow points in the opposite direction. Finally, the `rmomentum` and `rmomentum'` are aliases of `reversed momentum` and `reversed momentum'`.

Note that due to the way the arrow is drawn, it doesn't inherit styles of the edge. As a result, they have to be re-specified through ⟨*options*⟩.
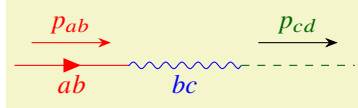
```
\feynmandiagram [layered layout, horizontal=a to b] {
  a -- [red, fermion, edge label'=\(ab\), momentum={[arrow style=red]\(p_{ab}\)}] b
    -- [blue, photon, edge label'=\(bc\)] c
    -- [green!40!black, scalar, momentum=\(p_{cd}\)] d,
};
```
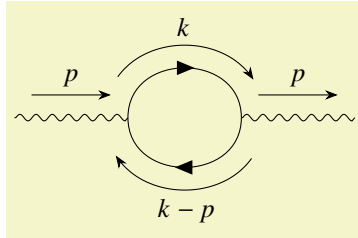
```
\feynmandiagram [layered layout, horizontal=b to c] {
  a -- [photon, momentum=\(p\)] b
    -- [fermion, half left, looseness=1.5, momentum=\(k\)] c
    -- [fermion, half left, looseness=1.5, momentum=\(k-p\)] b,
  c -- [photon, momentum=\(p\)] d,
};
```

The ⟨*options*⟩ allows for the following options to customize the appearance of the momentum arrows. These can be either set globally with the usual `\tikzfeynmanset`, or can be set on a individual basis through the ⟨*options*⟩ argument of the `momentum` key. In the latter case, only the ⟨*key*⟩ in `/tikzfeynman/momentum/`⟨*key*⟩ is required.

Set the separation between the text and the arrow. Note that the text is still surrounded by an `inner sep=0.3333em` by default so the default distance of `0pt` will not result in the momentum label touching the arrow.

Set the separation between the edge and the arrow.

Specify the fraction of the total edge length by which the momentum arrow is shortened at each end.

Define styles to apply to the momentum label node.

Define style to apply to the momentum arrow.

3.2.6 MODIFIER KEYS

Modifier keys serve only to slightly modify a small feature of the edge.

/tikzfeynman/half left   (no value)
/tikzfeynman/half right   (no value)
/tikzfeynman/quarter left   (no value)
/tikzfeynman/quarter right   (no value)

    Modifies the edge so that it bends left or right in such a way that it completes half a circle, or a quarter of a circle.
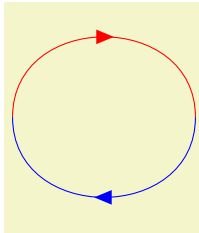
```
\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to b] {
  a -- [red, fermion, half left] b -- [blue, fermion, half left] a,
};
```
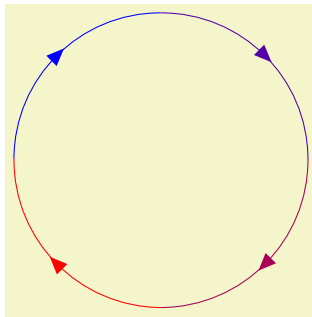
```
\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to c] {
  a -- [red!0!blue, fermion, quarter left] b
    -- [red!33!blue, fermion, quarter left] c
    -- [red!66!blue, fermion, quarter left] d
    -- [red!100!blue, fermion, quarter left] a,
};
```

/tikz/out=⟨*angle*⟩   (no default)
/tikz/in=⟨*angle*⟩   (no default)

    Specifies the angle at which the edge leaves the first vertex in an edge and the angle at which it enters the second vertex in an edge.

/tikz/relative=⟨*true or false*⟩   (default true)

    If relative is set to false, the angle is relative to the paper whilst when relative is set to true, the angle is relative to the straight line joining the two vertices.

/tikz/looseness=⟨*number*⟩   (no default, initially 1)

    As the name suggests, this specifies how 'loose' or 'tight' a curve is connecting two vertices.

4 EXAMPLES

Below are a few diagrams which demonstrate how the package can be used in some more practical examples..

VERTEX RULE
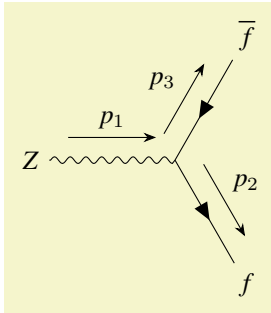

```
\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to b] {
  a [particle=\(Z\)] -- [photon, momentum=\(p_{1}\)] b,
  f1 [particle=\(\overline f\)]
      -- [fermion, rmomentum'=\(p_{3}\)] b
      -- [fermion, momentum=\(p_{2}\)] f2 [particle=\(f\)],
};
```

TREE LEVEL DIAGRAMS
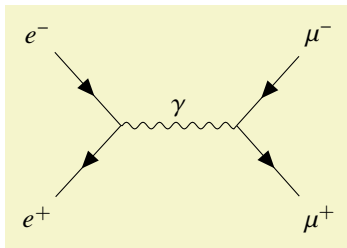

```
\feynmandiagram [horizontal=a to b] {
  i1 [particle=\(e^{-}\)] -- [fermion] a -- [fermion] i2 [particle=\(e^{+}\)],
  a -- [photon, edge label=\(\gamma\)] b,
  f1 [particle=\(\mu^{-}\)] -- [fermion] b -- [fermion] f2 [particle=\(\mu^{+}\)],
};
```
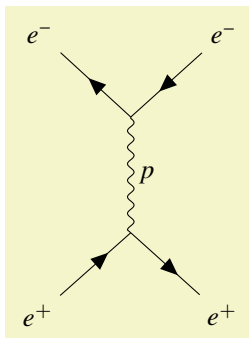


```
\feynmandiagram [vertical=a to b] {
  i1 [particle=\(e^{-}\)]
      -- [fermion] a
      -- [fermion] f1 [particle=\(e^{-}\)],
  a -- [photon, edge label=\(p\)] b,
  i2 [particle=\(e^{+}\)]
      -- [anti fermion] b
      -- [anti fermion] f2 [particle=\(e^{+}\)],
};
```
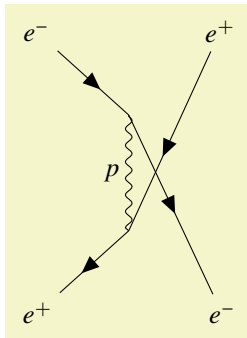
```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \begin{feynman}
    \diagram [vertical'=a to b] {
      i1 [particle=\(e^{-}\)]
        -- [fermion] a
        -- [draw=none] f1 [particle=\(e^{+}\)],
      a -- [photon, edge label'=\(p\)] b,
      i2 [particle=\(e^{+}\)]
        -- [anti fermion] b
        -- [draw=none] f2 [particle=\(e^{-}\)],
    };
    \diagram* {
      (a) -- [fermion] (f2),
      (b) -- [anti fermion] (f1),
    };
  \end{feynman}
\end{tikzpicture}
```

Loops
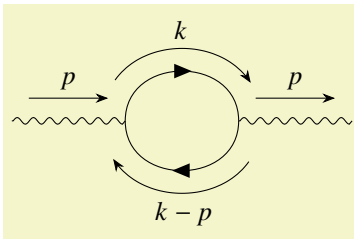

```
\feynmandiagram [layered layout, horizontal=b to c] {
  a -- [photon, momentum=\(p\)] b
    -- [fermion, half left, momentum=\(k\)] c
    -- [fermion, half left, momentum=\(k-p\)] b,
  c -- [photon, momentum=\(p\)] d,
};
```
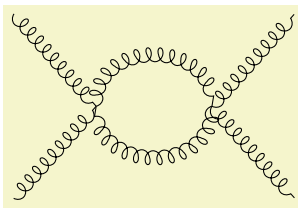


```
\feynmandiagram [layered layout, horizontal=a to b] [edges=gluon] {
  {i1, i2} -- a -- [half left] b -- [half left] a,
  b -- {f1, f2},
};
```

Box Diagrams
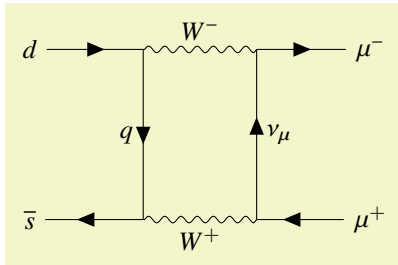

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\feynmandiagram [layered layout, horizontal=a to b] {
  % Draw the top and bottom lines
  i1 [particle=\(d\)]
      -- [fermion] a
      -- [photon, edge label=\(W^{-}\)] b
      -- [fermion] f1 [particle=\(\mu^{-}\)],
  i2 [particle=\(\overline s\)]
      -- [anti fermion] c
      -- [photon, edge label'=\(W^{+}\)] d
      -- [anti fermion] f2 [particle=\(\mu^{+}\)],
  % Draw the two internal fermion lines
  { [same layer] a -- [fermion,      edge label'=\(q\)] c },
  { [same layer] b -- [anti fermion, edge label=\(\nu_{\mu}\)] d},
};
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MESON DECAY AND MIXING
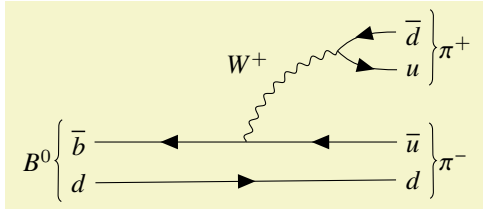

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\begin{tikzpicture}
  \begin{feynman}
    \vertex (a1) {\(\overline b\)};
    \vertex[right=2cm of a1] (a2);
    \vertex[right=2cm of a2] (a3) {\(\overline u\)};

    \vertex[below=0cm of a1] (b1) {\(d\)};
    \vertex[below=0cm of a3] (b2) {\(d\)};

    \vertex[above=0.5cm of a3] (c1) {\(u\)};
    \vertex[above=0cm of c1] (c3) {\(\overline d\)};
    \vertex at ($(c1)!0.5!(c3) - (1cm, 0)$) (c2);

    \diagram* {
      (a3) -- [fermion] (a2) -- [fermion] (a1),
      (b1) -- [fermion] (b2),
      (c3) -- [fermion, out=180, in=45] (c2) -- [fermion, out=-45, in=180] (c1),
      (a2) -- [boson, bend left, edge label=\(W^{+}\)] (c2),
    };

    \draw [decoration={brace}, decorate] (b1.south west) -- (a1.north west)
          node [pos=0.5, left] {\(B^{0}\)};
    \draw [decoration={brace}, decorate] (c3.north east) -- (c1.south east)
          node [pos=0.5, right] {\(\pi^{+}\)};
    \draw [decoration={brace}, decorate] (a3.north east) -- (b2.south east)
          node [pos=0.5, right] {\(\pi^{-}\)};
  \end{feynman}
\end{tikzpicture}
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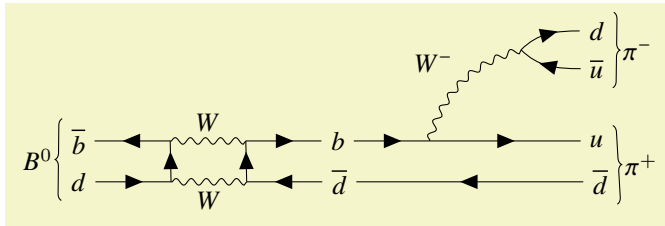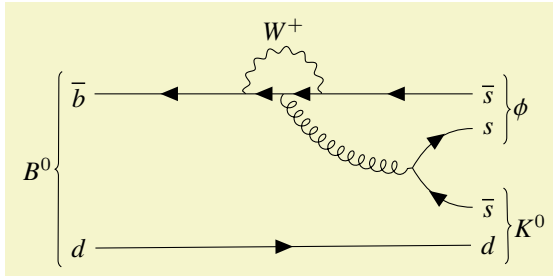
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\begin{tikzpicture}
  \begin{feynman}
    \vertex (a1) {\(\overline b\)};
    \vertex[right=1cm of a1] (a2);
    \vertex[right=1cm of a2] (a3);
    \vertex[right=1cm of a3] (a4) {\(b\)};
    \vertex[right=1cm of a4] (a5);
    \vertex[right=2cm of a5] (a6) {\(u\)};

    \vertex[below=0cm of a1] (b1) {\(d\)};
    \vertex[right=1cm of b1] (b2);
    \vertex[right=1cm of b2] (b3);
    \vertex[right=1cm of b3] (b4) {\(\overline d\)};
    \vertex[right=3cm of b4] (b5) {\(\overline d\)};

    \vertex[above=0.5cm of a6] (c1) {\(\overline u\)};
    \vertex[above=0cm of c1] (c3) {\(d\)};
    \vertex at ($(c1)!0.5!(c3) - (1cm, 0)$) (c2);

    \diagram* {
      {[edges=fermion]
        (b1) -- (b2) -- (a2) -- (a1),
        (b5) -- (b4) -- (b3) -- (a3) -- (a4) -- (a5) -- (a6),
      },
      (a2) -- [boson, edge label=\(W\)] (a3),
      (b2) -- [boson, edge label'=\(W\)] (b3),

      (c1) -- [fermion, out=180, in=-45] (c2) -- [fermion, out=45, in=180] (c3),
      (a5) -- [boson, bend left, edge label=\(W^{-}\)] (c2),
    };

    \draw [decoration={brace}, decorate] (b1.south west) -- (a1.north west)
          node [pos=0.5, left] {\(B^{0}\)};
    \draw [decoration={brace}, decorate] (c3.north east) -- (c1.south east)
          node [pos=0.5, right] {\(\pi^{-}\)};
    \draw [decoration={brace}, decorate] (a6.north east) -- (b5.south east)
          node [pos=0.5, right] {\(\pi^{+}\)};
  \end{feynman}
\end{tikzpicture}
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\begin{tikzpicture}
  \begin{feynman}
    \vertex (a1) {\(\overline b\)};
    \vertex[right=2cm of a1] (a2);
    \vertex[right=0.5cm of a2] (a3);
    \vertex[right=0.5cm of a3] (a4);
    \vertex[right=2cm of a4] (a5) {\(\overline s\)};

    \vertex[below=1.5cm of a1] (b1) {\(d\)};
    \vertex[below=1.5cm of a5] (b2) {\(d\)};

    \vertex[below=0cm of a5] (c1) {\(s\)};
    \vertex[above=0cm of b2] (c3) {\(\overline s\)};
    \vertex at ($(c1)!0.5!(c3) - (1cm, 0)$) (c2);

    \diagram* {
      {[edges=fermion]
        (a5) -- (a4) -- (a3) -- (a2) -- (a1),
      },
      (b1) -- [fermion] (b2),
      (c3) -- [fermion, out=180, in=-60] (c2) -- [fermion, out=60, in=180] (c1),
      (a3) -- [gluon, bend right] (c2),
      (a4) -- [boson, out=90, in=90, looseness=2.0, edge label'=\(W^{+}\)] (a2)
    };

    \draw [decoration={brace}, decorate] (b1.south west) -- (a1.north west)
          node [pos=0.5, left] {\(B^{0}\)};
    \draw [decoration={brace}, decorate] (a5.north east) -- (c1.south east)
          node [pos=0.5, right] {\(\phi\)};
    \draw [decoration={brace}, decorate] (c3.north east) -- (b2.south east)
          node [pos=0.5, right] {\(K^{0}\)};
  \end{feynman}
\end{tikzpicture}
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